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In Re Application of
YUKIO MAKI : Withdrawal From Issue
Application No. 09/909975 :
Filed: July 23, 2001 :
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD OF THE SAME

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution due to unpatentability of one or more claims.

Patent and Trademark Office records reveal that the issue fee has not been paid. If the issue fee has been submitted, the applicant may request a refund, or may request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either again found allowable or held abandoned. If the application is allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, applicant may request either a refund or a credit to a specified Deposit Account.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action.

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